

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-3 (cancelled)

4. (previously amended) A device as claimed on claim 10, characterized in that the restriction (27) is present in the inlet (6) of the chamber (3).

5. (previously amended) A device as claimed in claim 10 characterized in that the restriction (27) is provided with a spring-loaded non-return valve.

6. (previously amended) A device as claimed in Claim 10 characterized in that the outlet (10) of the reservoir (2) lies at a higher level than the outlet (7) of the chamber (3) in the operational condition of the device.

7. (cancelled)

8. (previously amended) A device as claimed in Claim 10 characterized in that the outlet (7) of the chamber (3) is provided with a discharge tube (14).

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) In combination, an ion exchange resin cartridge (16) provided with an inlet (20) and an outlet ~~container~~ (21), and a device for regenerating the cartridge, characterized in that the device is provided with a reservoir (2) for accommodating a solution (26), in which alkali metal ions and chloride ions are present, said reservoir (21) is provided with an outlet (10) to which an inlet (20) of the cartridge (16) is connected, a chamber (3) accommodating in which the cartridge (16) is located, provided in the device, said chamber (3) provided with an inlet (6) and an outlet (7), the inlet (6) of the chamber (3) being directly connected to the outlet (10) of the reservoir (2), the inlet (6) and the outlet (7) of the chamber (3) being coupled to the inlet (20) and the outlet (21) respectively of the cartridge (16) and restriction (27) placed in the flow path of the solution situated between the outlet (10) of the reservoir (2) and the outlet (7) of the chamber (3).

Claim 11 (new) A device as claimed in Claim 10,
characterized in that a filter (11) is present in the flow
path upstream of outlet (10) of reservoir (2).